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REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

1926-27

To the President of the University:

SIR: I herewith submit the annual report for the University Library ending June 30, 1927.

The library has been open for use during the year 308 days from 8 a. m., until 10:30 p. m., during the term time, and from 9 a. m., until 5 p. m., during the vacation days.

The work of the year has increased over previous years due to the more crowded conditions that necessitate constant shifting and re-arrangement to keep working materials available. Groups of books that normally belong together are necessarily broken up into smaller groups and placed on shelves wherever space can be found. This increases the work of finding them when needed.

During the year the remainder of the Loewy library has been unpacked. In order to include the Loewy periodicals in the Union List every box had to be opened. A special need for the dramatic literature, in which the Loewy library is very rich, also made it necessary to open all the remaining boxes. This has been done during the year and all the duplicates checked out and the remaining volumes shelved about the book stacks and tower, wherever space could be found. So far as it was possible the different groups of books were segregated in order to facilitate more ready access to them whenever need arises. The following groups have thus far been brought together:

	<i>Volumes</i>
Shakespeareana	829
Dramatic literature, other than Shakespeare	1,520
Dramatic literature, collected plays	254
Dramatic literature, separate plays	3,075
Fine editions of standard works	883
Byron literature	171
Swinburne literature	40
Whitman literature	79
Wilde literature	57
Dance of Death literature	100
Elzevir editions	171
Aldine editions	19
Bibliography	888
Music	359
Freemasonry	4,714
Legal trials	1,448
Miscellaneous, not segregated	10,607
Photographic albums, of actors, singers, etc.	54
Autograph letters, pictures, etc.	—
Play bills, programs, etc.	—
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	25,259

In checking these books for duplication, temporary author slips were written and these are filed alphabetically. This list indicates in a general way what books are in the collection but does not locate definitely any particular item which can be done only when they are classified and catalogued.

The work on the Union List of Periodicals, which has been under way for the past three years, has now been finished and it is expected by October of this year

the completed volumes will be ready for use in the various libraries about the campus. The value of this list has become more and more evident as the work has progressed, both for bibliographical purposes and for locating periodicals in other libraries when not found in our own collections.

ACCESSIONS DIVISION

The total number of volumes added to the general library collection, as apart from the special libraries such as Law, Agriculture, etc., is 11,374, making a grand total of 761,868. In addition to these there are as yet not accessioned 25,259 Loewy books, 1,178 Wordsworth books, and 2,842 Wynn books. Lack of working space prevents additions to the working force necessary to accession, shelf list, and catalogue these extra books. Also shelf space to put them in their classified place is needed. If these volumes are added to the accessioned books, the total number of volumes belonging to the libraries would be 791,147.

There have been few unusual additions during the year. From the Hispanic Society the library received 99 volumes of their own publications. Among the Loewy books were found a copy of the original fourth folio of Shakespeare, a copy of the first quarto edition of the "*Two noble kinsmen*" by Fletcher and Shakespeare; the Benares edition of Burton's "*Arabian nights*;" the Edinburgh edition of Walter Scott, bound in crushed Levant in 42 volumes; the Lyon's edition C1485 of the *Romance of the Rose*; a beautiful manuscript "*Book of Hours*" done in Paris in 1513; and some rare 17th century plays by Ford, Webster, and others.

Besides the books of the Loewy library, there came the large collection of Auto-graph letters, portraits, play bills, etc., that the appraisers valued at some \$2,000.

By purchase was added one 15th century edition of Petrarch, about 75 rare items to the Witchcraft Collection, Park's "*Gilbert Stuart*," Porter's "*Romanesque Sculpture of the Pilgrimage Roads*," Andrew Smith's "*Illustrations of the Geology of South Africa*," and Bach's works in 46 volumes.

SETS OF PERIODICALS ADDED

Reale Istituto Veneto, Atti 1840-1920.

Recueil des travaux botanique neerlandais, 1-22.

Theatre N. S., 1-19.

Dramatic and musical review, 1843-49.

Playgoer, 1901-4.

Lincolnshire notes and queries, 1-17. 1905-1923

Wiltshire notes and queries, 1-7. 1896-1914.

Western antiquity, 1-12. 1882-1893.

Northampton notes and queries, N. S., 1905-1923.

Dramatic censor, 1-5. 1800-1801.

Zeitschrift für angewandte anatomie und konstitutionslehre, 1-7, 1914-1921.

Journal of American history, 1-10. 1907-1916.

Ulster journal of archaeology, 1853-1910.

PERIODICAL DIVISION

This division of the Accessions department reports as follows:

Periodicals currently received by subscription	1,251
Periodicals currently received by gift	1,090
Volumes of periodicals bound	3,079

The shelving of a large number of volumes of bound periodicals in the periodical room to which all readers using the periodicals and their indexes are referred makes this division an important adjunct to the Readers division. When additions to the library building are made a much larger selection of periodical literature, not alone current literature, but bound volumes should be made of easy access to readers needing this material. In practical work it is found that the use of periodical literature is so distinct from the use of books that it is no disadvantage to house them in different parts of the library.

BOOKS, BOUND PAMPHLETS, MAPS, MSS., ETC., 1927

General Library exclusive of the following.....		511,921
Anthon Collection, purchased 1868.....	6,770	
Bopp Collection, purchased 1868.....	2,014	
Sparks Collection, purchased 1872.....	5,717	
White Historical Library, gift 1891.....	23,177	
Zarncke Collection, gift 1883.....	13,000	
British Patents, gift 1868.....	3,108	
	<hr/>	53,786
Fiske Dante Collection, gift 1893.....	9,453	
Fiske Petrarch Collection, gift 1905.....	4,187	
Fiske Icelandic Collection, gift 1905.....	17,709	
Wason Collection, gift 1918.....	10,864	
Volumes of C. U. Theses Deposited.....	7,846	
Philological Seminary Collection.....	1,091	
Philosophical Seminary Collection.....	942	
German Seminary Collection.....	769	
French Seminary Collection.....	24	
Latin Seminary Collection.....	325	
American History Collection.....	616	
	<hr/>	53,826
Maps in Cornell University Library.....	1,087	
C. U. Plans deposited.....	200	
U. S. Coast Survey Charts.....	950	
U. S. Geological Survey Topog. sheets.....	3,505	
U. S. Geological Survey Atlases.....	215	
British Geological Survey Maps.....	6,000	
	<hr/>	6,557
Manuscripts.....	805	
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Gen. Law Library, gifts and purchases.....	49,356	
Moak Law Library, gift 1893.....	12,500	
Flower Veterinary Library, gift.....	6,786	
Barnes Hall Library, gift.....	2,799	
Goldwin Smith Hall Library.....	3,113	
Van Cleef Memorial Library.....	2,209	
Evans Mathematical Library.....	426	
Comstock Memorial Library.....	992	
Kuichling Collection, gift 1919.....	2,135	
Architectural College Library.....	1,512	
Economics Laboratory Collection.....	340	
Entomology Laboratory Collection.....	2,403	
Prudence Risley Hall Collection.....	841	
Gray Memorial Library Collection.....	522	
Chemistry Department Library (special).....	13	
	<hr/>	85,947
N. Y. State College of Agriculture Library.....	47,421	
N. Y. State Forest College Library.....	1,181	
N. Y. State Plant Pathology Collection.....	424	
	<hr/>	49,026
		761,868

CLASSIFICATION AND SHELF DEPARTMENT

At the close of the year, Mr. Alexis Babine, who had held the position of Supervisor of Accessions, left to go back to the Library of Congress. Because of his wide experience with the work of several libraries, especially in the Library of Congress, his service to our library was of the greatest importance especially since the Library of Congress system of classification is being gradually substituted for the old method of marking books to a definite place in use since occupying the present building. At the present time the Library of Congress system is being used for the open shelf books, general periodicals, and cyclopedias, Spanish literature, Van Cleef library, Gray library, Agricultural College library, Wason Chinese Collection and Freemasonry.

The present arrangement of the work combines the classification of books with the shelf supervision. The work of classifying and shelving books is very closely allied and is greatly facilitated in having them under one supervisor.

In addition to the classification of the new books added by purchase and gift, the whole Masonic Collection received from the Loewy library has been classified and shelf listed making it available for use if needed. There being no other large collection dealing with Freemasonry nearer than New York City, it was thought desirable to arrange the books and periodicals in classified order. It is not thought necessary to enter these books in the card catalogue at this time.

The usual inventory of books in the stacks and department collections went on uninterruptedly until it became necessary to transfer the Supervisor of the Stacks to the classification work, which interrupted the inventory. The work of checking the laboratory books was done during the Christmas holidays and the work of reading the shelves in the general library stacks completed except sections numbered 6055 to 9082.

The checking of books in the department libraries was delegated this year to the department custodians, who render an annual report of the condition of the several collections under their supervision. I have advised before, and I now repeat, that these outlying collections of books deposited from the general library would be more carefully looked after and more uniform in arrangement if their custodians were a part of the general library staff working under the supervision of the general library.

CATALOGUE DIVISION

Sometime over a year ago, the Catalogue division lost the services of Miss Emma Runner, who went back to the Library of Congress, where she worked before coming to Cornell. While the library lost the immediate service of Miss Runner, we gained a great deal by her stay in our library. She brought the best practices in cataloguing methods and so far as possible applied them to our catalogue work. Her successors have continued the work along these lines and have modified the library catalogue as much as possible to conform to the latest practice. This, of course, has added much to the work of the Catalogue division and will continue to do so as the price to be paid for a more perfect catalogue.

The following table shows the work as recorded:

Volumes of books and pamphlets catalogued	10,188
Maps catalogued	13
Manuscripts catalogued	24
No. of titles added to card catalogue	5,249
No. of written cards added	9,063
No. of printed cards added	7,775
No. of cards added to Library of Congress catalogue	39,775
No. of cards added to the Harvard catalogue	3,200
No. of volumes recatalogued	177
No. of cards added to	4,408
No. of cards corrected and dated	3,131

The catalogue force had one beginner and lost one of the experienced workers during the year.

READERS DIVISION

Miss Anna Gregory severed her connection with the library at the close of the year, July 1, 1927. The loss of Miss Gregory from the work of this division will be keenly felt. She had served many years in the library and had come to be depended upon for many details that must be taken over by new workers.

Any disarrangement of books in the stacks is felt at once in the work of this division and consequently the crowded condition increases the labor necessary to supply the demands. The total register for using the library for home use during the year is 1852, of which 967 were students. The recorded use made of the books during the year is as follows:

Reading Room use.....	118,512
Seminary Room use.....	4,557
Laboratory and Department use.....	4,704
Home use.....	44,291

The effort to place books about the library so that they can be used with the least difficulty and delay has its discouraging aspects. From the 10,000 or more volumes on the open shelves in the reference and reading rooms books are constantly carried away without any records and, therefore, are lost until returned. Books that have been taken from the library without records are found in fraternity houses and other dormitories every year.

In order to keep more closely and thus better protect the rights of all users, certain groups of books are held in reserve as follows:

Delivery Desk Reserves.....	2,116
Seminary Room Reserves.....	6,775
Lock Press Reserves.....	2,392
Vault Reserves.....	1,007

The usual list of books missing from the library shelves is reported with encouraging information that fewer have disappeared this year and about one-half reported missing last year have been found and replaced.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

The special collections of the library, the Fiske, Dante, Petrarch, and Icelandic, and the White Historical Collection have been under the special curators during the past year. The general table of additions to the several divisions to the library shows the volumes added to these special collections, except the White Historical collections, additions to which are merged with the general library additions. These curators have been in attendance during certain hours of the day to keep the books in order on the shelves and to assist the readers who have occasion to use these collections. The curator of the Icelandic Collection has put forth another number of *Islandica*, No. 17, in accordance with the provisions made by Mr. Fiske in the endowment.

The addition to the curators of special collections of a joint custodian of the Wason and White Historical Library provided for during the coming year, was another step forward in the field of library economy. The best practice among modern libraries is to place special collections in charge of one who not only has had library training but has a first hand knowledge of the materials in the collection.

DEPARTMENT LIBRARIES

The books in department libraries and laboratory collections consist of two groups, those bought and owned by departments and are in the nature of laboratory apparatus in book form and those deposited by the general library for use as books. The records at the library are concerned with those of the second group, although some collections belong to the first group and are accessioned and catalogued in the main library. The following table shows the volumes thus deposited:

Deposited in Department Libraries.....	38,531
Deposited in Laboratories.....	7,807

The department libraries are presided over by attendants selected by the department and their services are paid for from department funds. Although these books are the property of the general library on deposit the general library has practically no supervision over the custodians of these books.

The volumes deposited in laboratories are charged to the head of the laboratory who is made personally responsible for the custody and loss of books thus deposited.

The librarian gave the usual lectures in Bibliography 1 and 2, during the college year and the members of the staff edited and prepared for printing the usual list of publications by officers of the university which is appended to the President's Report as a record of work done in addition to teaching.

WILLARD AUSTEN,
Librarian.

APPENDIX

TO THE

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

1926-27

LIST OF DONORS TO THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

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| Academia Nacional de Artes y Letras | Buchanan, E. S., New York City |
| Adelaide University | Buenos Aires Museo Social Argentino |
| All-America Standards Council | Buffalo Chamber of Commerce |
| Alpha Phi Sorority | Burke, Caroline E., Seattle, Wash. |
| Alpha Xi Delta Fraternity | Burnham, S. H., Ithaca |
| American Artisan and Hardware Record | Burr, G. L., Ithaca |
| American Association of University Women | California—Agriculture Department |
| American Book Company | California Safety News |
| American Book Concern | California State Mining Bureau |
| American Braille Press | Canadian Bank of Commerce |
| American Electric Railway Association | Canadian Patent Office Record |
| American Federationist | Carnegie Endowment for International Peace |
| American Foreign Service Journal | Carnegie Institution of Washington |
| American Fruit Grower Magazine | Carnegie Steel Company |
| American Hebrew | Ceylon Journal of Science |
| American Irish Historical Society | Chase National Bank |
| American Red Cross | Chi Phi Fraternity |
| American Review for the Blind | Chicago Art Institute |
| American Society of Civil Engineers | Chieftain, H. M., Pawling |
| American Stone Trade | Chih Chang Chen, Ithaca |
| American Telephone and Telegraph Company | China Inspectorate General of Customs |
| American Water Works Association | China Ministry of Agriculture and Commerce |
| Amherst College Library | Chinese Students' Monthly |
| Arrow of Pi Beta Phi | Christian Publishing Association |
| Aschehoug and Company | Church, I. P., Ithaca |
| Association of American Colleges | Churchman |
| Association of Life Insurance Medical Directors of America | Cockerall, T. D. A., Boulder, Colo. |
| Ateliers de Construction Oerlikon | Collyer's Publishing Company |
| Austen, Mrs. Willard, Ithaca | Colorado Fuel and Iron Company |
| Australian Museum | Columbia University Press |
| | Columns |
| B'Nai B'Rith Magazine | Commerce Monthly |
| Baker, W. C., Ithaca | Commission on Extraterritoriality |
| Bassette Company | Commonweal |
| Beer, Mrs. Julius, New York City | Constitutional Review |
| Beethoven Association | Cook, W. W., New York City |
| Biblioteca Nacional | Cornell Alumni News |
| Biblioteca Nazionale Centrale | Cornell Civil Engineer |
| Bingham, L. J., Ithaca | Cornell Countryman |
| Bodleian Library | Cornell Law Quarterly |
| Boston Health Department | Cornell Rural School Leaflet |
| Bostwick, Miss Sarah, Ithaca | Cornell Veterinarian |
| Bridgewood, E. C., Tunstall, England | Corporation of Trinity Church |
| British Museum | Coville, Luzerne, Ithaca |
| Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences | Crane, T. F., Ithaca |
| Brown, S. C., Groton | Curtis, C. W., Rochester |
| | Curtis, Miss Elizabeth, Ithaca |

- Dairy Farmer
 Dario, Ruben, Avila, Spain
 Davis, W. T., Staten Island
 de Forest, H. P., New York City
 de Lima, E. A., New York City
 Delta Delta Delta Fraternity
 Detroit Public Library
 Dog Fancier
 Drummond, A. M., Ithaca
 Dyestuffs

 Eastern Dealer in Implements and Vehicles
 Edgerton, C. E., Ithaca
 Edinburgh University
 Educational Record
 Educational Review Society
 Electric Light and Power
 Electric Traction
 Elmhirst, Mrs. L. K., New York City
 Emmerson, L. L., Springfield, Ill.
 Engineering Foundation

 Faust, A. B., Ithaca
 Ferguson, J. S., New York City
 Finger Lakes Topics
 Fitch, Miss R. L., Ithaca
 Florida State Plant Board
 Forest Leaves
 Fuertes, L. A., Ithaca

 Gage, S. H., Ithaca
 General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen of the City of New York
 Geographical Society of Philadelphia
 George Junior Republic
 Giesecke, A. A. W., Philadelphia, Pa.
 Good Government
 Grand Lodge of Iowa
 Grange League Federation
 Guernsey Breeders Journal
 Guilday, Peter, Washington, D. C.

 Hamilton College Library
 Hammond, W. A., Ithaca
 Harvard College Library
 Herrera, F. L., Cusco, Peru
 Herrick, G. W., Ithaca
 Holstein-Friesian Association of Amer.
 Horseshoers' and Blacksmiths' Journal
 Hosmer, R. S., Ithaca
 Hoy, D. F., Ithaca
 Hu Shih, Peking, China
 Hughes, T. J., Greenville, Ohio
 Hull, C. H., Ithaca
 Hunt, Miss E. P., Bryn Mawr, Pa.

 Imperial Academy
 Indiana Health Board
 Indicator

 Institute of Electrical Engineers of Japan
 Institute of Physical and Chemical Research
 Instituttet for Sammenlignende Kulturforskning
 International Conciliation
 International Oratorical Contest
 Investment Bankers Association of America
 Iowa State Historical Society
 Iron and Steel Engineer
 Ithaca Chamber of Commerce
 Ithaca Rotary Club

 Jain, C. R., Lucknow, U. P., India
 Japanese Embassy
 Jersey Bulletin and Dairy World
 John Crerar Library
 John Hopkins Press
 Journal of Physical Chemistry
 Judaeen Society

 Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority
 Katzin, E. M., Ithaca
 Det Kongelige Danske Videnskabernes Selskab
 Kyoto Imperial University

 Laidlow, G. F., New York City
 Landauer, Mrs. B. C., New York City
 Landmark
 Laterze and Figli
 League for Industrial Democracy, Inc.
 Lewisohn, Adolph, New York City
 Luce, F. L., Ithaca
 Luckey, L. W. A., New York City

 Macmillan Company
 McRavy, L. E., Ithaca
 Magyar Nemzeti Museum
 Marcello, N. H. A., Venice, Italy
 Marvin, D. E., Summit, N. J.
 Mason, J. F., Ithaca
 Maude, Aylmer, Chelmsford, England
 Melbourne University
 Mergenthaler Linotype Company
 Metropolitan Life Insurance Company
 Metropolitan Museum of Art
 Michigan Health Board
 Michigan Historical Commission
 Michigan State College
 Michigan University Library
 Milbank Memorial Fund
 Miller, G. S., Peterboro
 Mineah, Miss M. A., Dryden
 Mining Congress Journal
 Ministerio de Gobierno de la Provincia de Buenos Aires

- Minnesota State Horticultural Society
 Missionary Herald
 Monaghan, F. C., Ithaca
 Murray, John, London, England

 National Association of Wool Manufacturers
 National Committee for the Prevention of Blindness
 National Education Association
 National Electric Light Association
 National Fertilizer Association
 National Geographic Society
 National Humane Review
 National Nurseryman
 National Republic
 National Research Council of Japan
 Needleman, J. G., Ithaca
 New Armenia
 New Jersey Historical Society
 New Philosophy
 New York City Meteorological Observatory
 New York Historical Society
 New York Public Library
 New York State Agricultural Experiment Station
 New York State Chamber of Commerce
 New York State College of Agriculture
 New York State Department of Farms and Markets
 New York State Education
 New York State Health Department
 New York State Industrial Commission
 New York State Library
 New York State Reformatory
 New Zealand Patent Office
 Nippon Yusen Kaisha
 North Carolina Historical Commission
 Northup, C. S., Ithaca

 Office National des Universités et Écoles Françaises
 Ohio State Board of Health
 Oregon Historical Society
 Our Dumb Animals
 Oxweld Acetylene Company

 Pace Student
 Pan American Union
 Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company
 Pennington, E. L., Jacksonville, Fla.
 Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry
 Periodicals Publishing Company
 Philippine Agriculture Review
 Philippine Islands Health Service
 Pick, H. L., Ithaca

 Platt, C. C., St. Petersburg, Fla.
 Polish National Alliance
 Powel, T. R., Aberystwyth, Wales
 Power Plant Engineering
 Public Service Magazine

 Rava, Raimondo, Rome, Italy
 Remey, C. M., Washington, D. C.
 Renzulli, Michele, Philadelphia, Pa.
 Requa, M. L., San Francisco, Cal.
 Revell Company
 Revista Parlamentaria de Cuba
 Rhode Island School of Design
 Richards, G. B., Kansas City, Mo.
 Riches, T. H., Herts, England
 Riek, F. O., Rhinelander, Wis.
 Rio de Janeiro—Museu Nacional
 Rochester University Library
 Rodriguez, J. C., Buenos Aires, Argentina
 Rumball, Mrs. Catherine, Ithaca
 Russell, T. C., San Francisco, Cal.

 School
 Schork, Mrs. D. R., Lakewood, Ohio
 Schurman, J. G., Berlin, Germany
 Sebley, F. J., Cambridge, England
 Seventh Regiment Gazette
 Shastid, T. H., Superior, Wis.
 Sherman, S. H., Ithaca
 Shoe Workers Journal
 Shufeldt, R. W., East Falls Church, Va.
 Sibley College
 Sigma Phi Society
 Slocum Library
 Smith, F. M., Ithaca
 Snap Shots
 Southern and Southwestern Railway Club
 Speciality Salesman Magazine
 Spring, S. N., Ithaca
 Springfield Department of Public Welfare
 Starry Cross
 State Charities Aid Association News
 Stephens, Miss Kate, New York City
 Strunk, William, Ithaca
 Swiss Monthly
 Sze, S.-K. A., Ithaca

 Taft, Mrs. O. B., Chicago, Ill.
 Theosophical Press
 Theosophical Quarterly
 Tingley, Katherine, Point Loma, Cal.
 Tissot, T., Paris, France
 Tocot, A. P., Tsinan, China
 Tokyo Imperial University
 Tokyo University—College of Agriculture

- Transvaal Museum
 Trayler, W. A., jr., El Paso, Texas
 Trevor, J. E., Ithaca
 Union of South Africa—Agriculture
 Department
 U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics
 U. S. Geological Survey Library
 U. S. Golf Association
 Unity
 Universidad de la Habana
 van Pelt, Gertrude W., Point Loma,
 Cal.
 Vedanta Monthly
 Visher, S. S., Bloomington, Ind.
 Walker, R. S., Chattanooga, Tenn.
 Warren Academy of Sciences
 Washington University
 Westermann, W. L., New York City
 Western Australia—Education Depart-
 ment
 Western Australia—Registrar General
 Westinghouse Electric and Manu-
 facturing Company
 White, A. C., Ithaca
 Wilbur, D. T., Ithaca
 Williams, Miss C. E., Ithaca
 Williams College
 Wilson, T. E., Chicago, Ill.
 Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts,
 and Letters
 Wood, K. D., Ithaca
 Wood Preserving News
 Woodcox, B. F., Battle Creek, Mich.
 Woodruff, E. H., Ithaca
 Workers Monthly
 Wright, A. H., Ithaca
 Wright, Mrs. A. H., Ithaca
 Wyller, Lea, Stabekk, Norway
 Xavier Alumni Society
 Yale University Library
 Young, E. P., Towanda, Pa.